

To: Senate Government Operations Committees

From: Jeanette White

Re: S.270 Massage Therapists

Date: February 11, 2020

Thank you for this information. We will be posting a suggestion that is being offered by our Director of Office of Professional Regulation. You could have folks send us comments about both the introduced bill and the new proposed language. We would like to vote the bill out the week of the 25th so will be trying to get all the testimony before that so we can meet that schedule. Thanks for your interest.

Jeanette White, Chair

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 13, 2020, at 3:27 PM, Andrea Wiener <andrea.wiener@feldenkraisguild.com> wrote:

Dear Chair White, Senator Hardy and Director Hibbert:

I have listened to the audio recording of the Senate Committee on Government Operations meeting of 1/29/2020, regarding S.270. I've also reviewed the Sunrise Assessment Addendum of 1/15/2020 from the Office of Professional Regulation, and the OPR memo of 1/18/2020 regarding S.270.

The Feldenkrais Guild of North America (FGNA) certifies teachers of the Feldenkrais Method® of somatic education, and we accredit the professional training programs that these teachers are required to complete. FGNA and our certified teachers and members in Vermont are concerned about the potential impact of this bill on the practice of the Feldenkrais Method in Vermont, and we are following the bill very closely.

Can you please let us know what will be the next steps in the process, in light of the input from OPR, and the anticipated timeline?

Would you recommend that FGNA and our certified teachers and members send comments on the bill as soon as possible, or wait to see how the bill might be amended?

FGNA is also a member of the Federation of Therapeutic Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Practice Organizations (FederationMBS). I believe this information would also be helpful to representatives of the other member organizations.

Thank you in advance for your reply. And thank you very much for all the work that you each do each day, toward the public good!

Sincerely,
Andrea Wiener

cc: BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel
Gail Carrigan, Committee Staff
Nancy Haller, FGNA President
Misha Forrester, FGNA New England Region Government Relations Liaison